

A Musical ... Knot ...

THE MEDICINE LODGE CHORAL SOCIETY

WILL PRESENT THE OPERETTA

"A Nautical Knot"

AT THE OPERA HOUSE Tomorrow (Thursday) Night.

THE SCENE OF THE OPERETTA PICTURE— THE BEAUTIFUL COAST VILLAGE OF BARNSTAPPOOLE.

Chorus of 30 Voices

LOTS OF FUN AND PLENTY OF GOOD MUSIC.

BENEFIT OF LIBRARY FUND

David W. Crick Dead

David W. Crick died at his home in Mingona township, west of this city, on Sunday night at 10 o'clock, after a week's illness from abscess on the lung. Mr. Crick had not been in very good health for several years but he was not regarded in a critical condition until a few days after he became bedfast, and even then it was not generally known that it was so serious.

The funeral was held at the residence yesterday at 11 o'clock A. M., after which the body was laid away in Highland Cemetery, this city. Rev. George Ledrew Rullison, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the funeral services.

David W. Crick was born in Clinton county, Indiana, July 3, 1856; died in Barber county, Kansas, December 11, 1910, aged 54 years, 5 months, 8 days.

He was married to Ollie Little January 6, 1891, and to the union were born five children, one boy and four girls, the oldest being 17 years of age and the youngest 4 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Crick came to Barber county February 27, 1902 since which time they have been constant citizens among us.

In addition to the immediate family, two brothers and three sisters survive him. They reside in Sumner county and were present at the funeral.

Mr. Crick's death removes a good citizen and deprives the family of a kind, indulgent husband and father. In their great sorrow Mrs. Crick and her children have the profound sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

Suit for Divorce

H. M. Ball filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mary Ball, in the district court of this county last week.

The plaintiff alleges that his wife was not legally qualified to enter the marriage relation at the time of the marriage and that it had just recently come to his knowledge. The defendant's physical condition is also said to constitute grounds for divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball were married in Meade county May 4th of the present year. The plaintiff is a nephew of Z. P. Ball of this city.

Turkey Shoot at Sharon

There will be a Turkey Shoot at Sharon, Saturday, December 17th. Plenty of fine Turkeys, an all-day shoot. Welcome to all.

EARL EVANS.

First Baptist Church

Last Sunday was "Girls' Day" in our Bible School, and it was a splendid success. Misses Myrtle Rogers and Cynthia McGuire had charge of the program. Our attendance ran up about 20 per cent above the average.

The morning services proved to be a great spiritual blessing as we considered the coming revival meetings which are to begin Jan. 1, 1911.

The Women's Aid Society met with Mrs. J. P. Hall last Thursday and had a very profitable gathering.

The treasurer's report showed something over \$115.00 had been earned by them. They certainly have not been idle during the year. Election of officers resulted as follows:

Pres., Mrs. J. B. Stockstill.
V. Pres., Mrs. J. H. Minick.
Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Geo. Urton.

On Friday afternoon the Women's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Runyan and enjoyed a very interesting and profitable hour. The subject, "Our Training School at Chicago," proved to be a fascinating study and all seemed to be in greater accord with the institution after this service than before.

These missionary women have raised \$98.80 and have a nice little balance in the treasury. The new officers are:

Pres., Mrs. Splers, re-elected.
V. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Davis.
Sec. and Treas., Mrs. M. T. Williams.

All are invited to attend all of our services. We will try to make your attendance profitable to you.

CLAUDE J. SPIERS, Pastor.

Strickland W. Gillilan—Humorist

The most entertaining Humorist who ever visited Medicine Lodge is without doubt Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan who filled the second Lecture Course date last Thursday night. There was a flow of wit and humor throughout the entire discourse, his jokes were new and original, his delivery excellent and his personality strong and commanding.

The audience was kept in a constant rapture, varying from ripples of laughter to loud and uproarious applause.

We do not see where there could be an improvement in this line of entertainment. It seems to us that Mr. Gillilan has reached the very summit of excellence as a humorist.

Anything and everything you Christmas at the P. O. Book Store.

LE BRUN'S 2ND APPEARANCE

English Grand Opera Pleases Good Crowd at Crawford

From Saturday's Wichita Eagle.

While the greater majority of people love to hear good music, many have failed to reach the stage that they could enjoy opera sung in a foreign tongue, but when sung in English the drawing power is going to be increased more as the people learn the great charm and enjoyment it brings.

As a general rule those who have studied music to some extent usually are found in greater numbers at a performance of this kind, but with a few organizations equal in strength to the English Grand Opera company capacity houses will be the rule for then everybody and not only the musicians will appreciate grand opera.

A fair sized audience heard the Le Brun English Grand Opera company last night at the Crawford, and it was evident at all times that the performance was considered a treat. Encore after encore was demanded and curtain calls were many. "Martha" and "Il Trovatore" were the two operas sung, giving the different members great opportunity to show their ability to the fullest and all proved themselves artists of a high rank.

This company is led by Fritz Huttman, formerly a Wichita boy. It was its second appearance in Wichita this season.

It's Worth the Effort

On the question of railroad building, a business man of this city submits the following suggestions:

"There are many small villages that are in the same role as this burg. The few people who have capital do not think to look for other profitable investments, but they take hold of the few businesses that a few are barely making a living at. To fill the empty buildings in the town it is necessary, 1st:

"Get some railroad connections directly west, connecting with the main line. It would only be necessary to build about thirty miles of track from Belvidere to Bucklin. There the Santa Fe has an option on the branch to Dodge City, which would make an outlet west.

"Then if a number were to organize a north and south line from this place to Great Bend, connecting here with the D. E. & G., this would give us an outlet north and south and then all of us would have a chance to make investments without crowding the small investors out of business.

"It would be a great benefit to Medicine Lodge to have both of these lines and they could be gotten by a united effort on the part of those with capital and influence.

"Will you make the effort to get them?"



MISS LAURA BAER

—With the—

Le Brun Grand Opera Company Hear her in Medicine Lodge December 19th.

To Whom It May Concern

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife after December 7th. All parties interested will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

HERSEY MOSS

Geo. C. Smith of Bucklin, Kansas, arrived Monday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

Picture of John Brown

Dwight P. Mills was somewhat disappointed, and yet made glad one morning last week upon receiving a photograph of the old original abolition leader, John Brown. For some time he had been expecting the original photograph which was taken only a short time before the execution at Harpers Ferry, but a cousin, a M. E. minister in the Rock Island (Illinois) conference, beat him to it, and Dwight had to be content with a copy of the original.

The reason he prizes the photograph so highly is the fact that he is a direct descendant of the Great Abolitionist, on his father's side, and being the youngest child, felt that he was entitled to the original photograph which was the only one his parents had. But the one received is an exact re-production of the original one, virtually the same as the one in the State Historical Society room in Topeka, and he still counts himself lucky.

But he will never completely forgive his preacher-cousin. He says those kind of fellows have always gotten the better of him from childhood—even at the dinner table. He recalls many occasions when the pangs of hunger almost consumed him while waiting for his folks' guests, this cousin often being one of them, to satisfy their appetites at the "first table."

But, getting back to the original subject, Mr. Mills will have this picture nicely framed and it will have a conspicuous place in his home.

Made Prompt Settlement

A. W. Schnelle of Sharon received a check from the Woodmen Accident Association last week for \$74.45 in full settlement of claim for injuries received in one of his limbs at the time of the fire in September when his large mercantile stock was burned. The remittance covers a period of about thirty days' disabilities, part of which time he was totally disabled and part only partially disabled.

Mr. Schnelle was in this city on Saturday, and in speaking of the settlement, he spoke very highly of the Association. Settlement was made without any delay by correspondence to which some companies sometimes resort.

Mr. Schnelle strongly recommends the Woodmen Accident Association to everybody who desires reliable accident insurance.

The Christian Revival

The Christian church revival was only to be of one week's duration, but last Sunday morning the congregation assembled voted to continue the meeting longer.

For the length of time this meeting has been in progress it is perhaps the greatest meeting ever held by any church in this city. The atmosphere is reverent, the music spirited, the fellowship kindly.

On three evenings of last week baptismal services were held; the highest number baptized was on Friday evening when eleven were immersed.

One of the remarkable things about this meeting is that there have been conversions every night with but two exceptions. And on one night there were twenty-three. There were six additions last Sunday night bringing the total up to forty-nine.

The crowds have been all that could be desired. Sometimes the capacity of the church is taxed to its utmost, and one night last week many people were turned away for lack of room.

Further announcements will be made at the church as to when the meetings will close.

R. A. M. Meeting.

All Royal Arch Masons in good standing are most cordially invited to attend a meeting of R. A. M. on Thursday evening, the 22nd.

Work in R. A. Degree and installing of officers.

Refreshments will be served.

W. E. STOUT, H. P.

The stork left a pair of twins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rinke—a boy and a girl—on Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rinke reside southwest of this city. Mrs. Rinke is a daughter of J. W. Springer.

"Il Trovatore" December 19th

Medicine Lodge has been exceedingly fortunate in the high character of her theatrical attractions thus far in the season but Messrs. Ewing & Schmidt have surpassed themselves in the next attraction. They have secured "Il Trovatore" one of the leading productions of the LeBrun Grand Opera Company of Chicago, for next Monday night, December 19th.

This splendid organization is headed by the great French-American prima donna Antoinette LeBrun, who but recently returned to this country to renew the triumphs of past seasons, when she aroused audiences to furores of enthusiasm. Few vocalists in this generation have been known to sing with such exquisite delicacy, such tenderness, and none have quite equalled Mme. LeBrun in the flexibility of her voice, the flute-like purity of her tones and the wonderful range of which she is possessed.

In its delightful finish, its perfect enunciation, its wonderful pathos and truth of intonation, LeBrun's singing is the most classic, the most soulful and charming.

She is supported by an exceptional coterie of artists. Their repertoire of grand operas is presented in the English language. It is the purpose of Mme. LeBrun and her associates to give their auditors the pleasure of understanding the libretto as well as hearing the beautiful musical settings of the scores.

Strict attention to traditions and detail in production are as faithfully adhered to as at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Magnificent costumes and special scenery are employed in the presentation of each opera.

This is Medicine Lodge's opportunity. The same costumes and scenery which were employed in the Company's engagements in Kansas City and Wichita will be shown here. "Il Trovatore" is one of the strong Romantic Operas of this age.

General Lyon and the Bees

Ellas Gibbs of this city, a veteran of the Civil War, relates a new story of General Nathaniel Lyon, whose prompt action in the spring of 1861 saved Missouri to the Union.

"General Lyon ordered me shot once," said the veteran reflectively "and this is how it happened. It was a few days before the Battle of Wilson Creek, near Springfield, in August, 1861. With several of the boys I was trying to rob some bee hives in order to have some honey to go with our hard tack, and we had the bees somewhat excited. About that time General Lyon and his staff came riding along, and soon got mixed up with the bees. The General's big gray horse whirled round and round, so that the officer's sword swung straight out behind. 'Shoot them, shoot them,' shouted the General with other unprintable language, and thinking he meant us, we hiked into the cornfield close by. Of course he didn't really mean it, but he was hot on account of the bees stinging him and his horse. A few days afterward I saw the 'brave officer' carried from the bloody field of Wilson Creek, where he fell while leading a charge."

Mr. Gibbs was then a member of an independent company of Kansas rangers, at that time attached to the 2nd Kansas Infantry. This company was commanded by Captain Sam Wood, after whom Woods county was named at the suggestion of Jesse J. Dunn, now chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

General Lyon was a cousin of the father of Evangelist Lyon, who is now conducting the union meetings at the tabernacle.—Alva Record.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lunsford of Elm Mills township, on Thursday, December 8th, a son.

Contractor F. R. Hayes and G. G. Woodward returned home from Woodward yesterday morning where they had been doing carpenter work for the Bessemer Cement Company.

F. R. Hayes of Cedar township and G. G. Woodward of Sharon, made The

last Thursday

SPECIAL K. P. MEETING

Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias W. W. Bowers arrived in the city this morning and will be here until 3 o'clock. A special meeting will be held at the K. P. hall at 10 o'clock this morning and every member is urged to come and meet and hear the Grand Chancellor during his short visit.

Former Medicine Lodge Lady Dead The people of Medicine Lodge and vicinity were surprised and grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Nettie Rahn-Bristow last week. The news was received by G. A. Hibbard, in a copy of the Oxnard (Calif.) Courier, which was sent to him by E. L. Colvin, a former pharmacist in his employ.

The deceased was the wife of W. G. Bristow, who was the proprietor of the Grand Hotel in this city many years. Mr. Bristow died a few years after leaving Medicine Lodge, and Mrs. Bristow was married again in Colorado.

The Oxnard Courier's account of the death is as follows:

The death of Mrs. L. H. Rahn, former manager of Hotel Oxnard, occurred Wednesday at 6 o'clock in the Thompson Sanitarium, Burbank, where she has been for the past two weeks. Death came as a result of a tumor, from which Mrs. Rahn had been suffering for the past eight weeks or more. For the past four weeks she was in a precarious condition and it was known that it would be but a short time before death would come. Two weeks ago she was removed from Oxnard hospital and taken to Burbank.

The deceased leaves four children to mourn her loss and a husband, the latter residing in Los Angeles. Her children are Barney Bristow, aged 23 or 24 years, Willie Bristow, aged 14 years, and Paul Bristow, aged 8 years, all of whom have been residents of Oxnard. Another son, who is immensely wealthy and who, than Willie, resides with an

Wichita, Kan. Mr. Rahn conducted Hotel Oxnard for a year or more before the fire of last July that wrecked the building. She was successful as a hotel woman and did well with the local hostelry. She recently had a sale in this city, disposing of all furniture and other property that had been used in the conduct of the hotel.

The funeral will be held Friday morning from Bresce Bros., Los Angeles, and the interment will be made in a cemetery near Sawtelle.

During the time of the illness of Mrs. Rahn, Willie and Paul Bristow have been under the care of Mrs. Ollie Haskell of Oxnard, who was a housekeeper for Mrs. Rahn at the time she conducted the Hotel Oxnard.

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Mark Packages Properly

Agent W. E. Lusk desires to call the attention of the public to the necessity of properly marking and wrapping Christmas packages, sent by express, to insure prompt and safe delivery. Many packages are lost or delivered late because the senders are careless. Others are damaged on account of poor wrapping.

A few general rules, if observed, will overcome these difficulties:

1. Mark packages plainly, giving street number if sent to a large town and name of county if sent to a small town. Place shipper's name in the inside of package.

2. Fix package to stand travel and fast handling. Express must be handled lively at Christmas time and fragile articles poorly packed will be broken.

3. Do not send money or valuable articles with ordinary merchandise. The company will not be responsible should money or jewelry be lost when sent in this way.

4. Mark packages "perishable" if they contain anything of that kind.

5. If express is paid in advance, take receipt and send to consignee.

If all the foregoing rules are observed there will be no lost express packages and they will be delivered to their destination promptly and in good order.

J. F. Hall of Kiowa was attending to business affairs and calling on friends in this city last

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